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Remarks

Claims 1-10 and 12-20 are pending in the application, of which Claims 5-7, 10-12, and 14-19 have been withdrawn and Claims 1-4, 8-9 and 13 are presented for reconsideration. Claims 1 and 13 have been amended. Claims 2-4 and 8-9 remain in the application unchanged. No new matter has been added.

Support for the amendments to the claims may be found in FIGS. 11 and 12.

Drawings and Specification

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference signs mentioned in the description: first set 34, second set 35, and front face 32a.

The specification has been amended to remove any mention of the offending reference signs.

Applicant respectfully submits that the objections to the drawings are now overcome.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-4, 8-9 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Longnecker (U.S. Pat. No.2,507,794).

The Examiner's rejections of the claims are respectfully traversed.

Response to Rejections of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 102***a. Claims 1-10***

Claim 1 has been amended to more particularly point out the Applicant's invention. Specifically, Applicant's novel component attachment clip includes a non-compressible pivot tab which is non-compressibly inserted into a first slot and a compressible tab which is compressibly inserted into a second slot. The clip seats a system component such as a rotary fan. The pivot tab is non-compressibly inserted into the first slot of the chassis. The clip is pivoted towards

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the second slot of the chassis. The compressible tab is compressed and inserted into the second slot, where it is seated.

Applicant's amended claim 1 recites:

A message board for persistently displaying a selected set of messages, said message board comprising:
a plurality of surfaces comprising a first subset of surfaces rotatably connected around a first axis and a second subset of surfaces rotatably connected around a second axis ~~one or more axes~~;
a plurality of messages distributed on one or more of said surfaces;
one or more windows formed in one or more of said surfaces for selectively revealing one or more subsets of said plurality of messages for persistent display, wherein said selected one or more subsets of said plurality of messages may be changed to persistently display a different one or more subsets of said plurality of messages.

The Longnecker Reference

The Examiner cites Longnecker as anticipating claim 1. However, Applicant's Claim 1 has been amended to recite the limitation "a plurality of surfaces comprising a first subset of surfaces rotatably connected around a first axis and a second subset of surfaces rotatably connected around a second axis". Longnecker does not meet this limitation. As shown in the FIG. 1 and 6 of Longnecker, all of the surfaces in Longnecker's key identification device are connected with a rivet 16 to rotate around a single axis. Longnecker does not teach rotation about a second axis.

Since Longnecker does not meet each and every limitation of Applicant's claim 1, per *Verdegaal Bros., Inc., supra*, Longnecker cannot be used in formulating an anticipation rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Claims 2-4 and 8-9 each depend from independent base claim 1 and add further limitations. For at least the same reasons that Claim 1 is not shown, taught, or disclosed by the cited references, Claims 2-4 and 8-9 are likewise not shown, taught, or disclosed. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 2-10 should be withdrawn.

b. Claim 13

Claim 13 recites similar limitations to claim 1, including the limitations

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"rotatably attaching a first subset of said plurality of surfaces around a first axis of rotation" and "rotatably attaching a second subset of said plurality of surfaces around a second axis of rotation". For at least the same reasons that Claim 1 is not shown, taught, or disclosed by the cited references, Claim 13 is likewise not shown, taught, or disclosed. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claim 13 should be withdrawn.

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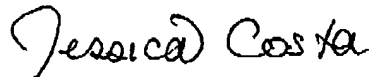
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that none of the references cited by the Examiner taken alone or in any combination shows, teaches, or discloses the claimed invention, and that Claims 1-4, 8-9 and 13 are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this amendment, or should the Examiner believe that it would further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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